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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, SN
SUBJECT: VISIT OF ANDREW YOUNG TO SINGAPORE

REF: SINGAPORE 0703

1. DIRECTOR MFA POLITICAL DIVISION, TAN BOON SENG,
PHONED ME FEBRUARY 21 TO DISCUSS ANDREW YOUNG VISIT.
TAN REITERATED THAT GOS WAS DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT OF
VISIT. THEY WOULD ALSO BE MOST PLEASED IF THEY COULD
HOST VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE IN SINGAPORE DURING HIS
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FORTHCOMING TRIP TO SEVERAL SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.
WHAT CONCERNED THEM, TAN INDICATED, WAS POSSIBILITY THAT
AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT MIGHT BE CANCELLED AS A RESULT
OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA, WHICH WOULD LEAVE
SINGAPORE ODD MAN OUT AMONG ASEAN COUNTRIES IN RECEIVING
TOP-LEVEL U.S. OFFICIAL.

2. COMMENT: IN FLYING FROM JAKARTA TO BANGKOK, VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE FLYING ALMOST LITERALLY OVER SINGAPORE. ESPECIALLY IF IT PROVES NECESSARY TO CANCEL VISIT BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG, IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF VICE PRESIDENT COULD NOT PAY EVEN BRIEF VISIT TO SINGAPORE. WE NOTE IN THIS REGARD THAT VICE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY HAS HIM BYPASSING THE ONLY TWO PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACIES AMONG THE FIVE ASEAN NATIONS.

3. I EXPECT THAT GOS WILL INVITE AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO STAY AT ISTANA AS STATE GUEST. IF SINGAPOREANS DO NOT DO SO, I WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD BE MY GUEST AT THE RESIDENCE. RESIDENCE, UNFORTUNATELY, DOES NOT HAVE SPACE FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY. DCM'S RESIDENCE IS QUITE NEARBY, HOWEVER, AND DCM WOULD BE HAPPY TO INVITE UP TO TWO MEMBERS OF PARTY TO STAY AT HIS RESIDENCE DURING VISIT. HOLDRIDGE UNQUOTE VANCE

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